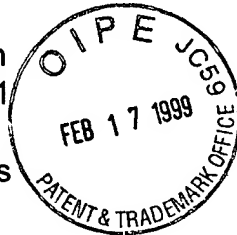


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- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,195,968, issued 03/23/1993 to Lundquist et al.

A copy of this document, which is listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (one page), is enclosed herewith. Applicants respectfully request that this document be fully considered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application and printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicants respectfully request that a copy of Form PTO-1449 (one page), as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with the next communication.

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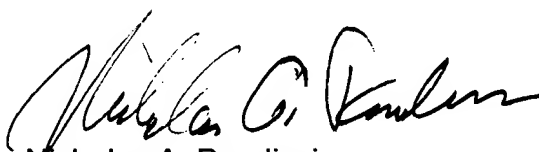
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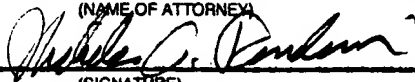
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